

Mr Geo. E. Davenport

Dear Sir

I am extremely  
sorry I am unable to return  
a favorable answer to your  
favor of the 17 inst but  
I do not suppose a person  
could be more poorly located  
for making a collection of  
Ferns than I am here, in  
the midst of the "Pine Barrens"  
My collection comprises only  
a few of the most common;  
*Polypodium virginicum*, *Pteris*  
*aquilina*, *Cheilanthes* *clivorum*,  
*Woodswardia* - none in fact  
that you desire - Many  
that you name are native  
only of S. Fla. & I know of  
no one there to whom I could

refer you. - In any other  
matter that I can ~~assist~~ <sup>assist</sup>  
you please command me

Yrs. respy  
Esther

Jacksonville Fla  
Feb 23rd

Readville, Mass.

31 Jan 88.

My dear Lili

I guess I shall  
have to give up my glabella.  
My friend Walter Deane  
was not here one evening  
he did not think any of  
my specimens were that,  
tho he said he wished  
you could see some of them,  
when I have time - just  
now I am unusually busy  
at my Roxbury office -  
I hope to get my ferns  
together a bit and it  
would give me great  
pleasure if I could show  
them to you, or if you  
could spend the afternoon  
or evening out here, it

would be a rare treat for  
me.

Since I saw you I have  
been to Europe & back on  
a very sad errand, my  
father's illness and my  
mother's death so that I  
have had hardly a moment  
for botanical work or talk,  
but I hope to have more  
leisure as the Spring advances.

Very truly yours

Geo. L. Kennedy

Readville, Mass.

3 Feb 1893

Dear Mr. Davenport,

Yr. very kind letter of the

3/4 Jan came while I was  
at Roxbury where I have  
staid three nights this week.  
It was very thoughtful of  
you to let me know of Mr.  
Pringle being in Cambridge  
& I hastened over at once  
to see him. Much as I  
should have enjoyed having  
him come and here I  
recognized the fact of his  
many cares & short stay  
here, yet I hope I shall  
see him again when he  
comes to Boston —

Pray don't trouble yourself

about the Terms & papers you  
were so good as to speak of.  
I know how busy you are -  
let them wait your  
ample leisure - I have  
also been drawn with  
work of many kinds the  
past few weeks & Botany  
has had to wait -

But I try to do a little  
something at it every day.  
With my very kind regards

truly yrs  
Geo. G. Kennedy

Readville, Mass.

12 Jan 1895

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your  
report of the article on  
the new Series. I hope  
we may find it<sup>x</sup> together  
again next year.

Very truly yrs

Geo F Kennedy

X12. Simulatum

Readville, Mass.

Jan 29. 1904

Dear Mr Davenport,

I got a small bit  
of a sterile Fern in  
Devonshire England  
on rocky cliffs by the  
seashore which I called  
*Gymnogramme leptophylla* Desv  
but that Fern so far as I  
can learn has not  
been found in England  
& not nearer than the  
Island of Jersey. —

I shall bring it in  
to show you, as I would  
like to have your  
opinion as it may be  
a depauperate *Cystopteris*  
but I imagine I see on  
the larger frond the  
young capsuleiferous  
swellings of the veins.  
Yrs very truly  
Geo. G. Hemmings



Tuesday, ✓

Readville, Mass.

12 Oct 1904.

Dear Mr. Davenport:

I am sending you  
Express prepaid a  
bundle of Ferns:  
Some from New Zealand  
& some from Montserrat  
of the West Indies -  
They are amateur  
or Commercial Sets,  
perhaps have no  
value, but as I  
have no use for  
them, I prefer to  
have you throw  
them away rather  
than I, & you may  
perhaps run across  
something interesting.

P.S.

The electrics for Blue  
Kiln (Canton Line)  
leave Dudley St  
at 5 and 35  
minutes after each  
hour.

✓ reach our gate  
in 40 minutes

If you could come out  
on Friday (day after  
tomorrow) for a noon  
lunch we could  
look over any Bo-  
tchian (this sort  
of spelling because I  
was suddenly interrupted  
or other terms I  
may have from  
Willoughby — If  
Friday is not convenient  
please name some  
day next week & I  
will write you  
if it is free for me,  
very truly yours  
Geo. G. Kennedy

Plum from San Diego Co. Cal.

Sandra A. Winbush - Endicott, Mass.

*Sisypodium Californicum*, Kaulf.

16. *Phragmites* *communis* L.

Gold, Silver, Iron, powder & var, resins

John W. Eaton.

" cretacea, Lién.

*Scientum capit. - venetis, L.*

и. *Амурского, 1900.*

*Chionites californica* Nutt.

n Cleveland, O. C. F. 1891

*Peltandra andromedae-folia*, Kunze.

n ornithopus Hook.

*Agropyron vestitum*, L. var.

*Cryptorhynchus viridis arcuata*, Kauff.

*Selaginella hypoleuca* (L.) Spring

Chlorobion, Herb. A. 1811.

*Agalla filicutaoides*, n. sp.

*Adiantum* *Chloritis* *Chloritis*  
The last very rarely

These last very rarely





44-2247  
H  
National City, Cal.  
Mr. Geo. E. Davenport: Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> 1905  
Dear Sir:

I take the liberty  
of sending you a small tin box  
by mail with this letter, filled with  
plants of living ferns. I would  
like to say a few words about  
one kind of them, (the others are  
sent thinking you might not  
have seen fresh ones, and it is  
interesting to watch their growth. I  
have transplanted all the kinds in our  
vicinity, and had quite good success  
with the most of them.)

A few days ago  
my brother & I drove to San Miguel  
Mt. ferning. By the roadside I noticed

a flower over to me. When I went to pick  
it I noticed the seeded pod of a tiny  
fern. When we came home we dug  
some of them.

It may seem strange to  
you, but I do not know what to call  
them. I know they are of the *Utricularia*  
family, but do not know which member  
of it. I began to collect ferns in 1879 but  
have never found any of the family before.  
They grow on *Parnassia* *Pando*, *San Diego* *Co.* *Cal.*, on  
near *La Pasa*, at the base of a hill, on  
land quite damp now, but which in  
summer is very hard and dry. The  
only plants of the fern-kind found near  
were *Delphinella* *fragrans* *U. cinerascens*.

I send the seed around the plant so  
you can see what it is like. If you  
will be so kind as to send me the  
name of it I will be very glad to learn  
it. I have succeeded in obtaining all but  
3 of the kinds of ferns you sent in the plants  
4 in Oct. 1902 (City, vulgaris, *Cambridge*, 1902).  
*Utricularia* 1902 (City, *Utricularia*) (some not yet fully  
grown or, *Utricularia*).

H

National City Cal,  
Mr. Geo. E. Davenport: Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> 1906.  
Dear Sir:

Your letter and the Rhodara, together with the re-print from The Fern Bulletin, and the blue-print reached me safely and are highly prized:

After waiting for the name of the fern sent you, until Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> I sent some pressed ones to Mr. Samuel B. Parish. He sent the name, (the same as you decided it to be) I had a letter from Mr. W. C. Kukes enclosing a Postal-card you had sent him telling the name and saying your eyes were troubling you, so I knew you could not do much writing. I am glad your eyes are better.



I was very much interested in reading what you sent.

I have been very fortunate in obtaining 25 new ferns for my collection since I wrote you last. After those that are common are secured even one new specimen is a treasure.

I have nearly 500 different specimens of ferns and allies, and it has been a great pleasure to acquire them, not only the specimens, but the many pleasant and instructive letters, that I should not otherwise have had.

I presume you have all the kinds I collect here. If you had not, I should consider it an honor to press them for you this season.

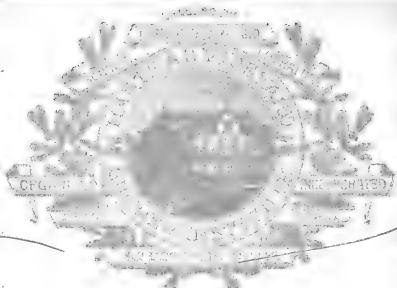
It seemed pleasant to see the Post-mark "Medford" (once more, I had an Aunt. (Mrs. Augustus B. Brooks) who lived there, she passed away many years ago. Thanking you for what you sent, I am Yours respectfully  
Laura D. Kimball

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Somerset 5 Mo. 21

1883.

Geo. A. Lavenport Esq.

Dear Sir,

I notice that

you have an advertisement in the  
Terry Bulletin. I have never given  
much attention to Terry but am  
getting interested. What I want  
is, the correct pronunciation of  
N. American Terry. I leave  
the matter with you; send  
me what will do the most  
good, with kin

Respectfully yours,

J. D. King

Direct to Somerset

Mass.

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9 July 1903

George E. Lavenport. Esq.

Dear Sir:—

I take the liberty of writing you to ascertain what you think of the idea of the Fern Students of North America forming a society to decide upon a stable nomenclature for our ferns, and to oppose the "name-tinkering" which is at present being done by Underwood and others. I propose that Messrs Eaton, Gilbert, Parish, Robinson, Clute, Waters, Fernald and yourself, and others whose opinion carry weight in the fern world, constitute the committee of the society, and besides fixing the nomenclature, they decide such points as "Shall all specific names be written with a small initial no matter of what derivation?" "Shall diphthongs be written out? (as Pellaea)" "Shall common names be written with capitals?"

and all other points about which a difference of opinion exists. I may say that personally I favour the writing of all specific names with a small initial for the sake of uniformity, as is done by all Zoologists, also the writing out of diphthongs as doing so save a vast amount of time when one is doing much writing of scientific names, and it appears to me as absurd to write "John Smith" as "marginalia shield fern"

I am confident that if this society is formed, the great body of Fern Students will accept their nomenclature, and will not heed the constant and unnecessary changes made by the "name-tinkers"

Kindly give the matter your earnest consideration, and let me hear your opinion on the subject. Also kindly let me know of any men of the right stamp of whom you may think.

Yours truly  
A. B. Elough.

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GUELPH, ONT. Feb 22 1906

Geo. E. Davenport Esq.

Dear Sir: -

I am very greatly obliged to you for the Blue-prints of Asplenium-trichomanes x ula-  
-maria which you so kindly sent me. I had read your article in Jan. Rhodora with a great deal of interest.

Hybridism has always been a most fascinating subject to me, and I hope soon circumstances will permit me to conduct some experiments in hybridism which I have had in mind for some time. I am much inclined to think that hybridism accounts for a good many of the puzzling forms which we find in Alta and Holida.

Have you tried Solis, Davis and other "freezing oil" papers in reproducing fern fronds? I have obtained most excellent results in this way - every veinlet showing distinctly. You have to over-print and then tone pretty heavily.

Yours sincerely

A.B. Klugh.

Jan/81

I am in hope to make the summer  
light and agreeable as I can about



1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the general principles of the theory of the origin of life. The author discusses the various theories of the origin of life, and concludes that the most probable theory is that of spontaneous generation.









Spine Ridge, Sauk Co Wisconsin  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1879

Mr Davenport

Dear Sir

Yours of Sept 12<sup>th</sup> was received in due time, and I meant to have answered ere this. I left Morrison on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month, and before leaving I done up a package of ferns for you, but did not have time to write. I sent you *A. aculeatum* and its var. *californicum*. They were all I had and I disliked to part with them, but did for the benefit of exchange. The others I sent you to be named, and would like to have them returned. Miss Pelton has, or did have, one frond of *A. aculeatum*.

They were given us, and I  
am unable to say just where they  
were collected, but in or near Yuba  
Co., Cal. The *A. aculeatum* var.  
*californicum*. I collected between  
Fall River and Brownsville and  
it was quite a distance from  
Brownsville. Miss Pelton was  
with me when I collected it, but  
I do not know whether she found  
any or not. The *A. aculeatum*  
var. *isopulvinum* that I sent you,  
was all I had. I cannot say just  
where it was collected, but it was  
collected and given me by Mr.  
S. G. Isaman, whose address I  
think is Mountain View, Cal.  
and perhaps he can furnish you  
with some, as he makes exchanges.  
If he has changed his address I  
think I can ascertain where it is.  
I do not think that I am

mistaken about collecting  
of *Canadensis* at Bartlett Spring.  
I have written Miss Pelton about  
it. I hope to find some nice  
ferns here, but am afraid it is  
too late. I will send you my  
desideratum. My address is  
Morrison Ill. I expect to go  
home in two weeks.

Respectfully Yours.

E. C. Knot

Morrison Hotel  
St. Louis, Mo. 28<sup>th</sup> 1880.

Dear La Crosse  
Sci

I rec'd it by package of mail  
that you sent me before  
and please accept thanks for  
them and excuse my neglect  
in not acknowledging the receipt  
of them sooner.

I will send you today  
some ferns that I gathered in  
Wisconsin when I was there  
last fall. The woods is not  
very productive. That one is a paper  
together came from a place known  
as Rocky River, in Sauk Co.  
The others came from the Dellson  
the Wisconsin river above Kilbourn.

city, I cannot say what  
I wish. There are a good many  
farms growing there, so my  
time was so limited. The day  
I was there, I did not have  
as much time to look around  
as I wished, but I am going  
up to Wisconsin again next  
summer and I hope to spend  
several days on the river.

Respectfully yours

Mrs G. L. Keiser

Fredericksburg Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1873

Geo. C. Davenport.

Boston Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst came to hand and I am pleased to see you take an interest in the plant.

I discovered it four years ago, when out on a mining expedition. We were suffering fearfully <sup>for</sup> want of water and while hunting water we came upon a high ridge covered entirely with cedars, among which were a number of flowers which attracted my attention. As I am a great lover of flowers and had never seen the same before I concluded to take some of them along. I had to carry them 200 miles on my saddle, took them home and planted them in my garden. This was in May 1874. They were considerably injured as I had no convenience to pack them properly, they however grew but did not flower that summer. The next May the stem commenced to shoot up, & in three weeks was about 3 feet high. The stem is at first red and when the flowers appear it changes to green. Three feet from the bottom of the stem branches shoot out, some have two branches some have three or four which also bear flowers. They commenced flowering in May & bear flowers until Oct. the stem is about a half an inch thick and attains a height of about five feet. In Oct the stem commences to dry up, then one or two new sprouts appear on the plant which flower the next season. Each plant produces one or more capsules about as large as a hickory nut which contain about 45 seeds.

Since I had them in my garden different botanists seen and examined them particularly Baron von J. H. Meusebach who is an authority in botany and pronounced it to be an *Sesperaloe Engelmanni*. Mr von Meusebach took great interest in the plant and made inquiries of all Royal Botanical gardens in Europe, and of Doctor



Engelman of H. Lewis Mo. U.S. and found that the plant is not known to be in existence (reference is here made to the circled) Upon the information from Mr. Weusebach I concluded to procure the plant and make it known. I myself, my son and another young man whom I hired went there and got all the plants we could find. We had many fierce obstacles to face such as Indian troubles and conflicts with white & Mexican desperados, but worse than all, want of water: for we had to without it for days and nights, often we were on the point of giving out, and once came near perishing while hunting water. But in spite of all this we got them, and managed to reach our home.

From all this you can see that I am only a lover of flowers and not a botanist, and therefore do not know the different ferns you named, & much less the process of pressing them. Should I find a man that understands it all, I will try my best to get them for you.

Very Respectfully  
Yours

E. Krauskopf

per R